



From the Mayor

It's been a terrific summer here in Redmond, from our traditional community celebrations like Derby Days to more informal neighborhood get-togethers with family and friends. Together with our seasonal offerings for recreation, special concerts, arts in the parks, and community events, Redmond was truly the place to be this summer!

This fall promises to be busy as well, as we work with the City Council to review the City's budget for services for the next two years. For the last few years, we at the City have been working hard to confront the challenges posed by a downward trend in revenue. I am proud to say that despite the hard times, we have taken many positive steps to improve the quality of and efficiency with which we deliver services to you.

Based on our analysis thus far, the next two years will continue to be challenging and City staff has been developing strategies for balancing the budget in advance of Council's traditional fall budget review. We have had several positive discussions with Council over the summer, and we will be working together in the coming months to develop a long-term financial plan for the City that balances the services you expect with revenue-generating measures you can support. As we develop this plan, we will want your input, and I hope that you take the time to participate in these discussions. The outcome will be critical to keeping our community the quality place that we call home for generations to come.

On another note, expect to see a lot of big changes on the Municipal Campus as construction of the new City Hall gets underway. As you know, I am excited about this project. Especially given the budget constraints that we are facing, it is important to know we have made a decision that will save taxpayers money over the long run while at the same time improving City services.

Although our number one priority is to ensure that you always have access to City services during the construction, it may impact your visits the City Campus. Please read page five of this issue for more details about the construction. Also, for the latest updates on this project, access to City Campus, or where to park, please visit our website at www.redmond.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Rosemarie Ives

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